

Westminster Presbyterian Church extends an enthusiastic welcome, in Christ's name, to all who worship here or join us in fellowship. Our church family seeks to embody God's boundless love by embracing, liberating and empowering people – whoever they are and wherever they may be on their faith journeys – to realize the transforming power of Christ in our congregation, community and the world beyond.

We hope you will stay connected with our community of faith during this season of social distancing by subscribing to the *Westminster Weekly Word* e-newsletter through the homepage of our website (www.wpc.org), liking us on Facebook (www.facebook.com/wpcdelaware), or following us on Instagram (www.instagram.com/wpcdelaware).

Today at Westminster

6:00 a.m. Virtual Choir – The Westminster Choir and Handbell Choir released a pre-recorded

Sunrise Celebration early this morning to herald the day. Look for it on Westminster's

YouTube channel!

8:45 – 10:00 a.m. Food Collection for Emmanuel Dining Room and Cereal Sunday for the Hanover Pantry

in the parking lot.

9:00 – 9:45 a.m. Easter Sunday Worship in the Sanctuary

Anyone over the age of five is required to wear a mask and children must remain with

their parents.

• **Bible Box** for children ages 2 through 5th grade is available today on YouTube.

Please see page 6 for information on Educational Offerings for Adults.

Steven Heitzer, trumpet, joins us in worship today. A native of Philadelphia, Steve is an active classical trumpet player in the tristate area. He is a member of the Philadelphia Brass, Opera Philadelphia, Bach Festival Orchestra of Bethlehem, Reading Symphony, and Ocean City Pops Orchestra, and a frequent performer with the Delaware Symphony, Chamber Orchestra of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania Ballet Orchestra, Lancaster Symphony, and the Walnut Street Theatre. He received his undergraduate degree from Temple and his master's degree from Manhattan School of Music.

The Sanctuary flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of Nick Marcopulos by Cathy Higgins.

Consider giving the flowers for Sunday worship to remember or honor loved ones or to celebrate an event, while expressing praise and thanksgiving to God. Please contact Linda Watson during business hours at 302-571-6719 or lwatson@ycst.com. The next available date is May 30.

Westminster's Prayer Team prays for the needs of our community of faith. You may submit a prayer request by sending an email to wpcprayerlist@gmail.com.

You can make a contribution to Westminster Presbyterian Church by visiting our website www.wpc.org and click the "Donate Now" button or scan the QR code on your smart phone.

The mission of the Covenant Network of Presbyterians is to strengthen the church of Jesus Christ, with the help of God's grace, by working for the unity of the church, furthering the inclusion of LGBTQ persons, seeking understanding and reconciliation, and joining with others seeking a still more just and inclusive church.

Westminster is certified as an Earth Care Congregation by the Presbyterian Church (USA). This honor means that we have exhibited exceptional leadership in protecting God's creation and being good stewards of earth's resources through our worship, education, outreach and advocacy. Only 2% of the 10,000 Presbyterian congregations in this country have earned this honored distinction.



Westminster is a Matthew 25 Congregation that strives to eradicate systemic poverty, dismantle structural racism, and build congregational vitality. The gospel calls us to actively engage in the world so that our faith comes alive.

ORDER OF WORSHIP- SUNDAY, APRIL 4, 2021

TOWER CHIME Susan Spilecki

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Procesión Alegre Garry Cornell Prelude

CALL TO WORSHIP

The light shines in the darkness and the darkness can never put it out.

Let all the earth rejoice!

The grave is empty, Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed!

HYMN No. 232

Jesus Christ is Risen Today (Vs. 1, 2, & 4)

EASTER HYMN

Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia! our triumphant holy day, Alleluia! who did once upon the cross, Alleluia! suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia! unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluia! who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia! sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

Sing we to our God above, Alleluia! praise eternal as God's love. Alleluia! Praise our God, ye heavenly host, Alleluia! Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

PRAYER

Eternal God, the world is constantly hurling darkness our way: the pandemic drags on, strife poisons relationships, violence plagues our cities and your creation is under assault. If it were not for our faith we would turn cynical, and if it were not for your love we would surrender to despair. Living Lord, we give thanks for the promise of Easter that death does not have the final word. Help us to embrace your promise of new life so that we can live each day in hope and in joy. Amen.

Click here to watch today's TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN on Westminster's YouTube channel.

SCRIPTURE Mark 16:1-8

Easter Rejoicing James Biery ANTHEM

> Rejoice, you hosts of heav'nly saints, O sing, exultant choirs of angels, Sound the trumpet of salvation, our Christ from death has arisen! Be joyful, O ye people, for with the whole Church Humankind joins all creation newly resplendent in Christ's illumination: Acclaim him Source and Fulfillment—O Risen One!

Be enlightened, Jerusalem, God's glory has risen upon you.

O divine, beloved, sweetest voice, hope confirmed through resurrection.

May the light of Christ, rising in glory, dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds.

Paschal Christ, Wisdom, Word and Light from Light, Bread of life, may we dwell with you always—Alleluia! EASTER MESSAGE Gregory Knox Jones

HYMN No. 234

Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain (Vs. 2 & 3)

ST. KEVIN

'Tis the spring of souls today: Christ has burst his prison, and from three days' sleep in death as a sun has risen. All the winter of our sins, long and dark, is flying from the Light, to whom we give laud and praise undying.

Now the queen of seasons, bright with the day of splendor, with the royal feast of feasts comes its joy to render; comes to glad Jerusalem, who with true affection welcomes in unwearied strains Jesus' resurrection!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Sudie Niesen Thompson

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

HYMN No. 238

Thine Is the Glory (Vs. 1, 2, & 3)

JUDAS MACCABEUS

Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son; endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.

Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away, kept the folded grave-clothes where thy body lay.

Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb; lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom. Let the church with gladness hymns of triumph sing, for the Lord now liveth; death hath lost its sting.

No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life! Life is naught without thee; aid us in our strife. Make us more than conquerors through thy deathless love; bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Toccata in F Major C.M. Widor

At the conclusion of the Postlude, please exit the sanctuary, row by row, beginning with the last pew to the front pew. Those sitting in the side transepts exit from the front pew to the back pew down the center aisle to the narthex. **Please wait until an usher directs you to leave.** You may want to have a conversation with others you have missed during the lockdown. We ask that you please meet them outside, maintaining the required six-foot social distancing, while continuing to wear your mask.

GOING FORTH: OFFERING OUR GIFTS AND OUR LIVES TO GOD

With gratitude for the grace we have received, we go forth from worship to offer our energy, our hands, and part of our income in service to God. One way we respond to Christ's call is by giving our financial gifts to further God's mission in the world. You may mail a check to the church or make an online offering to support the many ministries of Westminster Presbyterian Church by clicking "Donate Now" on the homepage of our website (www.wpc.org).

PARTICIPANTS

The Rev. Dr. Gregory Knox Jones The Rev. Sudie Niesen Thompson

Director of Music/Organist: Dr. F. Anthony Thurman Choristers: Hye Eun Choi, soprano; Alexis Droke, soprano;

Sharon Babcock, mezzo soprano; Jason Berger, tenor; Brenton Mattox, bass

Steven Heitzer, trumpet

Videographers: Rich Albert, Chip Pfleegor, Roger Reinicker, Baden Saathoff, Aaron Wemhoff and Sophia Wolff

Tower Chime: Susan Spilecki

SOURCES AND ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

The resources for children attached at the end of the bulletin are provided by Illustrated Ministry. Please print them to participate in this service or for family devotions throughout the week.

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Join Us for In-person Worship in Our Sanctuary

Sunday, April 11, 2021, 9:00 a.m.



We have reopened our sanctuary on Sunday mornings for one worship service at 9:00 a.m. Attendance is limited and an online reservation (one per family) is required. When we reach the maximum number of reservations we can host, the reservations will close. We have established a number of guidelines for your safety, which include social distancing, wearing a facial mask/covering, and the use of no-touch sanitizing stations. Click here to read all of the guidelines. The liturgy will be emailed to you after you make your online reservation.

Congregants are encouraged to print the liturgy from home and bring it to the service or pull it up on your mobile device; a limited number of printed copies will be available. *The decision to attend in-person worship rests with each individual.* A virtual option will continue to be available on our website at www.wpc.org.

To make your online reservation for April 11 worship in the sanctuary, click here!

EDUCATIONAL OFFERINGS

You can find virtual Christian education and small group opportunities on the homepage of the Westminster website (www.wpc.org) and check out other Education Offerings for Adults on YouTube.

180 Youth taking a break for Easter Sunday

Happy Easter! 180 Youth is taking a break for Easter Sunday. See you next Sunday! For more information about 180 Youth Ministry for grades 6 – 12, contact Tommy at tommyjneilson@gmail.com.

Online Bible Studies

Wednesday afternoons, 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. on Zoom (Midweek Manna Bible Study)

https://zoom.us/j/97700423780?pwd=b1dGL2c4NXRjMIRBOWJWWEIsTTg3dz09

Zoom Meeting ID: 977 0042 3780 | Passcode: 547264

The Midweek Manna Bible Study, facilitated by the Rev. Sudie Niesen Thompson, is reading through the Gospel of Matthew. New faces always welcome!

Wednesday evenings, 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. on Zoom

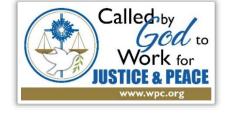
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Facilitated by Randy Williamson and Mary Anne Peters. Our Bible study continues and new faces are always welcome.

WPC Peace & Justice Online Education Events

Restorative Justice Thursday, April 8, 7:00 p.m. on Zoom https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86027521655

What if there was a way to resolve conflict and even provide an alternative to a court trial in some cases, which would be healing and restorative to all



parties? Westminster's Peace and Justice Work Group is pleased to present <u>Susan A. Cherry</u>, Executive Director of The Community Restorative Justice Center, Inc. from St. Johnsbury, VT, who will explain this process and how it plays out in civil and criminal cases, in neighborhood associations, schools and for incarcerated individuals about to reenter society. Susan is a former classmate of Sandie Reinicker from Westminster Choir College. Use the Zoom link above, or go to zoom.us/join, enter Meeting ID **860 2752 1655** and click "Join."

Easter Lilies

"Symbol of the Resurrection"

In Loving Memory of:

William Albert
Carol and Gene Hopkins

Bernie Alexander, Maurice and Eleanor Alexander

Agnes McGeehan

Mr. and Mrs. David Bernhard, Grandparents

Mr. Victor Lawryniuk, Grandparent Mr. and Mrs. John Becker, Grandparents Frau Marianne Wizgall, Dear Friend

John R. Becker, Uncle

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